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APPLICANT: English
SERIAL NO.: Not Yet Assigned GROUP NO.: Not Yet Assigned
FILING DATE: Herewith EXAMINER: Not Yet Assigned
TITLE: A RECONFIGURABLE DATA COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEMS
WITH A REMOVABLE OPTICAL BACKPLANE CONNECTOR

BOX PATENT APPLICATION

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.97 and 1.98, Applicants hereby make of record the patents and publications listed on the accompanying Form PTO-1449, and other information contained herein, for consideration by the Examiner in connection with the examination of the above-identified patent application. Copies of the patents and publications are enclosed.

REMARKS

In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.97, this statement is being filed (CHECK ONE):

- ☒ (1) within three (3) months of the **filing date** of a national application, or within three (3) months of the **date of entry of the national stage** as set forth in 37 CFR 1.491 in an international application, or before the mailing of the **first Office action** on the merits, or before the mailing of a **first Office action** after the filing of a request for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114; or
- ☐ (2) after the period defined in (1) but before the mailing date of a **final action** or a **notice of allowance** under 37 CFR 1.311, and
- ☐ the requisite Statement is below, **OR**
- ☐ the requisite fee under 37 CFR 1.17(p), namely **\$180.00**, is included herein, or

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It is respectfully requested that each of the patents and publications listed on the attached Form PTO-1449, and other information contained herein, be made of record in this application.

STATEMENT

As required under 37 C.F.R. 1.97(e), Applicant(s), through the undersigned, hereby state either that **[check the appropriate space only if either (2) or (3) is checked on the previous page and the Statement is required]**:

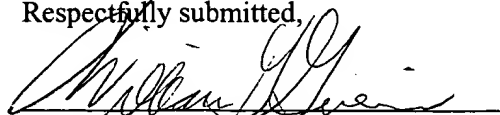
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